

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appellants: Andrea Hughes-Baird, et al.  
Appl. No.: 10/086,014  
Conf. No.: 3796  
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Title: GAMING DEVICE HAVING IMPROVED OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE  
GAME WITH MASKED OFFERS  
Art Unit: 3714  
Examiner: Robert E. Mosser  
Docket No.: 0112300-610

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated July 9, 2007.

## REMARKS

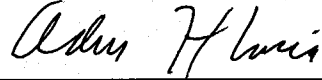
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated July 9, 2007, Appellants have complied with the stated objections. The compliant version of the Appeal Brief is submitted herewith.

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Appellants submit that the present Corrected Appeal Brief is compliant under 37 CFR 41.37. Appellants respectfully request reconsideration of this Corrected Appeal Brief and submit that the Patent Office has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation with respect to the rejection of the rejected claims. Accordingly, Appellants respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection and the 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph rejection are erroneous in law and in fact and should therefore be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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